

I-64 Lane Reversal



VDOT, together with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Virginia State Police and Virginia National Guard, put together a lane reversal plan for I-64 to help evacuate Hampton Roads prior to a major hurricane or disaster. This lane reversal plan is designed to use *all* Interstate 64 lanes between the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and I-295 to evacuate traffic west toward Richmond. This means that the eastbound lanes of I-64 between these two points will be reversed to help evacuate more people.

Reversal Details:

- Only the Governor can call for a reversal of I-64. A standard evacuation issued by a city or county does not reverse traffic on I-64. Motorists should tune to local media, 610AM, or call 511 for evacuation information before and during a hurricane.
- During a reversal, I-64 westbound traffic traveling from Norfolk and Virginia Beach will be shifted onto what are normally the eastbound lanes of I-64 just before the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel in Norfolk. Motorists will continue traveling on the eastbound lanes until they reach I-295 in Richmond. This is approximately 80 miles.
- There will be only two possible exits for reversed traffic before I-295: Exit 234 in Williamsburg [gas, food, lodging, hospital] and Exit 205 at Bottoms Bridge [gas, food]. If motorists exit the reversed I-64 lanes, they can use a standard entry ramp to return to I-64 westbound. There are no re-entry ramps onto the reversed lanes.
- Motorists should expect some entry ramps onto the standard I-64 westbound to be closed to smooth traffic flow onto the interstates and prevent bottlenecks. All exit points on the standard I-64 westbound lanes will be open to traffic.
- Motorists should never enter barricaded roadways (even with a large vehicle). Entering barricaded roadways could endanger motorists and the lives of others.